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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
The Deputy Director

FROM:

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Acting Director of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Drug Legislation. It appears that the "logjam" in negotiations on omnibus, anti-drug legislation has been broken and that a compromise version will be ready for House and Senate floor consideration, perhaps as early as today. The bill will contain a "drug czar" provision. Our concerns with respect to the czar, however, have been alleviated. This "compromise czar" will be closer in substance to the House "weak czar" than the Senate "strong czar." He will not have budgetary authority nor overwhelming programmatic authority. In addition, the bill will contain a provision protecting intelligence sources and methods and a provision requiring the czar to exercise his authorities in a manner consistent with the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947. This latter provision addresses our programmatic concerns. We also understand Chairman Stokes may make a statement on the House floor during consideration of the bill to the effect that adoption of the czar provision is not intended to detract from the DCI's budgetary authorities.

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